Which was read and upon reading the first Part of the said L. H. J. Message it's the Opinion of the House that it is the Secretary's Lib. 41. Duty to remove the Chest and take Care of the Papers And

Ordered he be sent for and acquainted therewith

The Secretary appeared and M^r Speaker acquainted him that it was the Opinion of the House that it was his Duty to take the Chest and secure it in his Office and that he take a List of all the Papers Books and Certificates therein and lay before this House the next Session of Assembly which he promised to do. And then M^r Secretary withdrew. And Ordered the other Part of the Message be referred till to Morrow Morning for Consideration

Bill for Relief of Tobias and John Pollard, read the second

Time & will pass

Bill for Relief of Thomas Edmonson &ca Read the first

Time and ordered a second Reading

Bill for Relief of Matthew Mason Read the first Time and ordered a second Reading to Morrow Morning And that M^r Ivy had Liberty to attend the House and make his Objections (if any)

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock

Thursday November 3d 1709

The House met according to Adjournment and being called

over were present as Yesterday

Ordered That M^r John Salter, M^r Robins, M^r Dare, M^r Colegate and M^r Hemsley be and are appointed to go out and view the Court House Building and see if M^r Bladen has complyed with his Bargain & report it to the House with all convenient Speed.

Richard Young's Petition read and further referred.

M' Bladen's Petition read and is referred till the Gentlemen appointed to view the Court House make their Report

Petition of Thomas Redding read and rejected

Report from the Committee of Laws ordered to be entered Viz.

By the Committee of Laws Wednesday 2nd November 1709.

As to the Law relating to poor Debtors & it's the Opinion of this Committee that it will be convenient to make an Act of Assembly to suspend the Execution of the said Act till the End of the next Session of Assembly: And as to the Law agt Importation of Bread and Flour & it is the Opinion of this Committee that it will be best for the Interest of this Province to make a Law to allow the Importation of Indian Corn till the tenth of October next and not repeal the whole Law.

Signed p Order Dan' Dulany Cłk. Com.